**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please find below a listing of all pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses. For those currently amended claims, underlined emphasis indicates insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

1. (Currently Amended) A video selection server for selectively relaying video information, comprising:

a receiving unit to receive ~~means for receiving~~ a video stream delivered via a first network;

a information analysis unit to analyze ~~means for analyzing~~ at least an encoding scheme of the video stream ~~information about the video stream~~ received by the receiving unit~~means~~;

a decision unit to determine ~~means for determining~~ whether or not a result of analysis by the information analysis unit ~~means~~ fulfills a ~~predetermined~~ criterion related to a permitted encoding scheme and[[,]] to judge whether to permit delivery of the received video stream received ~~by the receiving means~~ to a second network; and

a transmitting unit to transmit~~means for transmitting~~, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network, the video stream of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted by the decision unit~~means~~, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting clients if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified~~predetermined~~ number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified~~predetermined~~ number.

2. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 1, wherein the decision unit ~~means~~ permits the delivery of the video stream for which a request has been output from a device connected to the second network.

3. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 2, wherein the ~~received~~ receiving means receives the video stream was~~which has been~~ multicast on the first network.

4. (Previously Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 2, wherein the ~~received~~ receiving means receives the video stream was~~which has been~~ unicast via the first network.

6. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 1, wherein the information analysis unit~~means~~ analyzes a transmission protocol of the video stream.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 1, wherein:
the information analysis unit~~means~~ analyzes video contents of the video stream based on scene description content of meta-data if the encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7; and
the decision unit permits the delivery if the video contents of the video stream are previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion.

9. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim 1, wherein, if the received video stream contains a plurality of videos, the receiving unit means separates the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos.

10. (Currently Amended) A video delivery system for delivering a video stream, comprising:

an encoder to encode ~~for encoding~~ captured video to obtain a video stream and deliver ~~delivering~~ the video stream via a first network; and

a video selection server to receive ~~for receiving~~ the video stream delivered via the first network, analyze ~~analyzing~~ at least an encoding scheme of the received video stream ~~information about the received video stream~~, determine ~~determining~~ whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a ~~predetermined~~ criterion related to a permitted encoding scheme, [[to ]]judge whether to permit delivery of the received video stream to a second network, and transmit ~~transmitting~~, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network, the video stream of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting clients if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified ~~predetermined~~ number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified ~~predetermined~~ number.

11. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 10, wherein the video selection server has a multi-stage configuration such that the video stream transmitted from a preceding-stage video selection server is delivered to a succeeding-stage video selection server.

12. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 11, wherein the succeeding-stage video selection server includes a plurality of video selection servers connected to the preceding-stage video selection server.

13. (Currently Amended) A video selection method for selectively relaying video information, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving a video stream delivered via a first network;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the received video stream ~~information about the received video stream~~;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a ~~predetermined~~ criterion relating to a permitted encoding scheme, to judge whether to permit delivery of the received video stream to a second network; and

transmitting, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network, the video stream of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting client if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified~~predetermined~~ number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified~~predetermined~~ number.


14. (Previously Cancelled)


15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium recording a video selection program, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method, the method comprising ~~for selectively relaying video information, wherein the video selection program causes the computer to perform the process of~~:

receiving a video stream delivered via a first network;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the video stream ~~information about the received video stream~~;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a ~~predetermined~~ criterion relating to a permitted encoding scheme, to judge whether to permit delivery of the received video stream to a second network; and

transmitting, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network, the video stream of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting client if the number

thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified~~predetermined~~ number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified ~~predetermined~~ number.